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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, JA, KS  
SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF FUKUDA-PAK SUMMIT MEETING

REF: A. SEOUL 7863; B. TOKYO 15840

1. MOFA NE ASIA OFFICIALS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 5 THAT FONMIN SONODA HAD INDEED CONVEYED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PM FUKUDA TO PRESIDENT PAK ON DESIRABILITY OF SUMMIT MEETING (REF A). NE ASIA DIVDIR SATO SAID DECISION TO CONVEY MESSAGE WAS TAKEN SOLELY BY PM, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO BUREAUCRACY, AND SATO HIMSELF LEARNED OF MESSAGE ONLY AFTER ARRIVAL IN SEOUL WITH FONMIN. (VICE FONMIN ARITA CONFIRMED TO DCM THAT MOFA WAS NOT INVOLVED IN MESSAGE.) MOFA OFFICIALS ALSO INSISTED THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, NO TIMING HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

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2. NE ASIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR MOCHIZUKI SAID PM'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PAK WAS SIMILAR IN TONE AND CONTENT TO PM'S STATEMENT DURING INTERVIEW BY KOREAN NATIONAL TV NETWORK IN MID-AUGUST THAT IT WAS UNNATURAL FOR TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES NOT TO HAVE TOP-LEVEL CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER (REF B). MESSAGE REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY FUKUDA HOPED, WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES IN JAPAN WERE "FULLY MATURE," THAT PM

OF JAPAN WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT PRESIDENT OF ROK.  
MOCHIZUKI SAID THAT ONLY REFERENCE TO TIMING WAS PM'S  
OBSERVATION THAT DECEMBER WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT IN VIEW  
OF MANY ACTIVITIES IN SEOUL IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENTIAL  
INAUGURATION.

3. COMMENT: MOFA CONTINUES TO SEE LITTLE BENEFIT FROM  
JAPAN-ROK SUMMIT AND IS NO DOUBT SOMEWHAT MIFFED AT NOT  
BEING INFORMED OF PM'S DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH SUMMIT  
PROPOSAL. SUMMIT PROPOSAL FOLLOWS SERIES OF NODS TO  
RIGHT BY FUKUDA IN WAKE OF PFT SIGNING WHICH ARE PROBABLY  
IN PART DESIGNED TO ENSURE CONTINUED SUPPORT BY LDP RIGHT-  
WING IN HIS BID FOR REELECTION AS PARTY PRESIDENT (AND  
AUTOMATICALLY PRIME MINISTER) IN DECEMBER. ALTHOUGH THIS  
PROPOSAL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVOKE OPPOSITION CRITICISM IN  
EXTRAORDINARY DIET TO BE CONVENED LATER THIS MONTH, FUKUDA  
MAY HAVE MADE POLITICAL JUDGMENT THAT, WITH OVERALL POSITION  
STRENGTHENED BY HANDLING OF PFT, THIS MIGHT BE PROPITIOUS  
TIME TO MAKE GESTURE TOWARD MORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ROK.  
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